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25X1 1. [ ] Delivered a response to the letter of 15 May from Representative Charles B. Rangel (D., N. Y.) to his office.

25X1 2. [ ] Met with Mrs. Gerry Myers, Employee Benefits Subcommittee staff, House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who told me that H. R. 11150, a bill for the protection of rights of Federal employees, is scheduled for consideration by the full Committee tomorrow, 1 June. Since the full Committee has had trouble making a quorum, it is not known yet what the attendance will be for tomorrow's meeting.

25X1 3. [ ] Talked to Mr. Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and made final arrangements with him for tomorrow's briefing of the Special Group on the community and Agency budgets. The offices of Messrs. Tweedy, D/DCI/IC, and Briggs, OPPB, have been advised.

25X1 4. [ ] In response to Mr. Goldsmith's call yesterday, I met with both Goldsmith and Braswell, of the Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and provided them with information on our expenditures in Laos. The 25X1A were particularly interested in [ ] in war related intelligence 25X1A collection activities. I left with Braswell a breakdown prepared by [ ] 25X1A [ ] on our Laos budget comparing FY 1973 with FY 1972. I queried these men again about the possible trade-off of excluding a ceiling on Laos expenditures this year in exchange for a reduction in expenditures for free world forces from [ ] 25X1A They said they were not aware of any agreement having been reached on this.

I talked further with Braswell about the possibility of Senator Stennis having General Vang Pao in his personal office to meet with a small group of Senators (I mentioned Senators Margaret Chase Smith, Ellender, Milton Young, possibly Goldwater and Symington) for coffee or cocktails on the afternoon of Thursday, 8 June. Braswell seemed to like the idea of an informal session in the Chairman's office and said he would take this up with Senator Stennis and let us know the Senator's wishes.

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